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COMPRESSION)
CONNECTOR)

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U.S. Patent No. 3,340,352, issued on September 5, 1967, discloses a sectional tap connector;

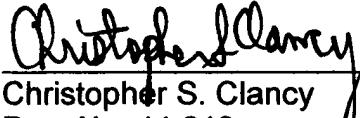
U.S. Patent No. 5,635,676, issued on June 3, 1997, discloses compression connectors;

Germany Patent No. 1,277,975, granted on September 19, 1968, discloses a connector; and

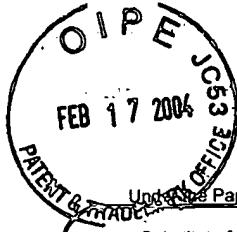
European Patent No. 468,378A1, published on January 29, 1992, discloses a multiple tap ground connection.

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		Country Code ³	Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)			
		DE	1,277,975	09/19/1968	Schiffmann	
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